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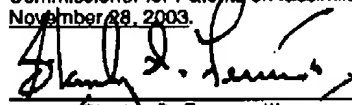
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In re Application of : Thomas Boehme  
Serial No. : 09/749,375 Examiner : Harper, V. Paul  
Filed : December 21, 2000 Art Unit : 2654  
For : CODING AND STORAGE OF PHONETICAL  
CHARACTERISTICS OF STRINGS

November 28, 2003

AMENDMENT

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Stanley D. Ference III  
Reg. No. 33,879

November 28, 2003  
Date of Signature

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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#### MESSAGE:

Application No. 09/749,375  
Examiner V. Paul Harper  
Art Unit 2654

Amendment Transmittal  
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HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. ☐ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- OR
2. ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

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5. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☒ No additional filing fee is required.
7. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. paid for (Col. 2)	Present Extra (Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
				RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
Total Claims	13	** 20	= * 0	x \$9	=	O	x \$18	=
Ind. Claims	3	*** 4	= * 0	x \$43	=	R	x \$86	=
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				+ \$145	=	R	+ \$290	=
				<b>TOTAL</b>	= \$	O	<b>TOTAL</b>	= \$0

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the "Highest No. Prev. paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the "Highest No. Prev. paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

8. ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
9. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$\_\_\_\_\_ filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

REFERENCE &amp; ASSOCIATES

 By Stanley D. Ference III  
 Stanley D. Ference III  
 Reg. No. 33,879

 Dated: 28-Nov-2003
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